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## NEVADA DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MEDIA ADVISORY

### STATE PARTICIPATES IN FIRST-EVER TAHOE DRINKING WATER FORUM MAY 5

*NDEP promotes Snapshot Day—fifth annual citizen-based water-quality monitoring event*

CARSON CITY— Allen Biaggi, director of the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Jon Palm, chief Bureau Water Pollution Control for the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection and Andy Huray, manager public health engineering for the Nevada State Health Division, will speak Thursday morning at the first-ever Lake Tahoe Drinking Water Forum at the Chateau Golf Course/Community Center, Incline Village General Improvement District, 955 Fairway Blvd. in Incline Village, Nev.

The purpose of the 2005 Drinking Water Forum is to raise awareness of Lake Tahoe water quality as a drinking water supply for Lake Tahoe residents and the Truckee Meadows. As a follow up to the forum, NDEP will promote public awareness and participation in Nevada's water quality issues through the Fifth Annual Snapshot Day to be held May 21. NDEP is a co-sponsor of the citizen-based event to take water samples at a single point in time along the watershed from Lake Tahoe to Pyramid Lake. Participants can register for snapshot day by contacting Mary Kay Riedl at [mriedl@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:mriedl@ndep.nv.gov) or by calling 775-687-9454.

WHO: Allen Biaggi, director, Nevada Department of Conservation & Natural Resources  
Jon Palm, chief Bureau Water Pollution Control, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
Andy Huray, manager public health engineering, Nevada State Health Division  
Bureau of Health Protection Services

WHAT: Lake Tahoe 2005 Drinking Water Forum

WHERE: Tahoe Grand Ballroom, Chateau Golf Course/Community Center, Incline Village General Improvement District, 955 Fairway Blvd., Incline Village, Nev. (HWY 28 through Incline Village, left at Northwood Blvd., right at Fairway Blvd., Chateau on the right).

WHEN: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, May 5, 2005 (Biaggi and Palm 8:30 – 10 a.m., Huray at 10:45 a.m.)

WHY: Lake Tahoe is a national model for source water protection through the strong local, bi-state and national commitment to preserve this pristine drinking water source. Protecting the source water requires awareness of drinking water regulations and continued cooperation among local, state and federal agencies. Citizens have an integral role in the protection of their watershed and participation starts with awareness and education.

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